

New Boston Recreation Commission

Subject: Commissioners' Meeting
Date: March 10, 2011
Location: White Buildings

Attendees:

Commissioners: Lee Brown, Kim Borges, Ken Hamel, David Hulick, Jen Martin

Staff: Mike Sindoni, Mary Manna

Guests: none

* = *excused*

1. The minutes of the February 3, 2011 meeting were approved.
2. Mission Statement:
"To provide high-quality, healthy and safe recreation programs & activities for residents of all ages in the New Boston community. To provide ample facilities, fields and playground areas and to oversee the maintenance of those areas."
The Commissioners voted to accept the mission statement as drafted by Ken.
3. Summer Program: Discussion about fees. Did staggered fees work last year? Parents liked it. \$145 charged per week for 50 hours (\$36 per day). The program netted about \$5,000 last year. The trend has been down. Advertise in the *New Boston Bulletin*. Could we put a note in the school newsletter? Mike will ask the school. Put up flyers around town. Lee favors keeping fees the same while looking for ways to stimulate participation. We are competing against a variety of specialty camps. Kim will distribute a copy of her analysis via e-mail.
4. Conservation Commission: Mary reported about a conversation with conservation committee member Mark Brown. Bailey Pond is not heavily used. Could conservation and recreation collaborate in some way? Maybe kayaking? NBCS hiking club project (with Jackie Moulton)? Fishing? Geocaching? Lee will follow up and invite a representative to a future rec meeting.
5. Old Engine House: The town voted to approve the \$14,000 funding to complete the Old Engine House.
6. Program & Clinics:
 - a. Soccer footwork & Softball clinics. Proposed for 15 kids in the spring. Requires time in the gym on 4 Sundays. Kim and Joe know the instructor. We need to clarify insurance coverage. The soccer organization would have to provide the school with an insurance certificate. Kim will check. Glenn Dodge is also looking for gym time for softball. Mike reports that AAU is taking a lot of gym time for basketball. Gym time is typically allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Kim will talk to Glenn and then with Mike to work out a schedule.
 - b. Flag football. Mike has received some interest in this activity. He supports the idea. Goffstown has this activity. The commissioners support giving this program a try. Mike will follow up with Tom and Guylaine Ostrander and invite them to the April rec meeting.
 - c. Basketball. There are 2 directors. One of them is stepping down at the end of the season. Ken wants to become one of the directors. Ken wants to start a travel program. He doesn't yet know how many teams we could field. He wants to work with younger kids to set up skill training. Mike supports this effort. Ken wants to support some of the expense with the Molly Stark Golf Tournament proceeds. He wants to have registrations in August and try-outs in September. There will be practices once a week until games start in December. Men's basketball will be asked to change their gym time to 7:30pm.
7. Kiki's Restaurant fundraiser: They want to have a fundraiser to support senior programming in the rec department. They are planning a golf tournament on June 17. The event raised \$8,000 last year. Exact use of the funds needs to be discussed with Kiki's. The commissioners need to look at the Old Engine House common room and decide if this could cover some furnishings or fixtures for it.

8. Other Business:

- a. The town voted to approve \$2,500 for special police details at community events.
- b. The town's 250th anniversary will be in 2013. There was a big celebration 50 years ago in 1963. It was a 4-day celebration. There was also a big celebration in 1913. There will be a joint meeting shortly. The 4th of July committee will take the lead. Rec and the historical society will be asked to participate. Goffstown's 250th is a year earlier and Dunbarton is a year later.
- c. Mary had a conversation Maria from St. Joseph's community services for seniors. By the end of the school year they want to make New Boston a satellite of the Goffstown program. This will reduce paperwork. Seniors pay \$2.00 for lunch that costs \$3.65. Roughly 25 seniors participate weekly. Mary spends 30 to 60 minutes on the paperwork now. Senior lunches could be daily.
- d. Mike invited Kim and Lee to re-enlist as recreation commissioners.
- e. Mary sent letters to local businesses for sponsorships.

9. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 7 at 7:00pm at the White Buildings.

David Hulick, Secretary